



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations**

**To:** Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair, Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Members of the Committee

**Date:** January 30, 2014

**Referral to:** City Council

**Subject:** Amendment to the 2014 City of Minneapolis State Legislative Agenda

**Recommendation:** Approve amendments to the City of Minneapolis' 2014 State Legislative Agenda.

### **Department Information**

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Background:**

In December, the City Council adopted the 2014 state legislative agenda. IGR recommends the following amendments:

1. The agenda included the addition of the item:

In the Jobs and Economic Development section (p.16). Support: "The raising and indexing of the state minimum wage for hourly workers and the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers."

IGR recommends amending this statement by eliminating all language after the first use of the word "wage." The new statement will read:

Support: "The raising and indexing of the state minimum wage. ~~for hourly workers and the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers.~~"

This amendment seeks to make clear that the City of Minneapolis supports legislation that would raise Minnesota's minimum wage for all workers, index future increases to inflation, and would protect tipped workers from being paid a sub-minimum wage tip penalty.

2. In the Local Government Finance, Support section, (p.3) add:

"Clarification of the laws regarding state sales tax on local government purchases."

In prior legislative agendas, the City has supported the repeal of state sales tax on local government purchases. In the 2013 legislative session, bills were enacted that accomplished this repeal. Following enactment, several questions have arisen from local units of government about specific provisions within the law. Local units of government and the Minnesota Department of Revenue are in agreement that clarification of certain provisions is necessary.